Documentary on War for Freedom, 1857

†1723. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a role of any Central Ministry in dispute of "Sahmat"and "Anhad" regarding documentary on War for Freedom based on 1857;

(b) whether it is a fact that a parallel material is being prepared as a result of non-satisfaction with the material presented by the Government on 1857; and

(c) the details thereof and opinion thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) No, Sir, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting is not aware of role of any Central Ministry in the dispute.

(b) No, Sir. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting is not aware of any such parallel material.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

GoM to provide Financial Assistance to Prasar Bharati

†1724. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Group of Ministers constituted under the Chairmanship of Home Minister to provide permanent financial assistance to Prasar Bharati, an autonomous organization has sent certain suggestion to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting;

(b) if so, the details of these proposals and the average amount that will be made available annually to Prasar Bharati after implementation of these proposals; and

(c) whether this financial assistance to be provided on regular basis will be helpful for Prasad Bharati in making its image as an autonomous organization?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) The issue of Capital Structure and funding pattern for Prasar Bharati is still consideration of GoM. No final recommendations have been made available to the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting as yet.

Sensationalization of News by Media

1725. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the sensationalization of news by present day media which governed more by its commercial interest than by social responsibility;

(b) whether it is a fact that news channel offer more sensational and entertainment related stories than informative one in their bid to earn more money; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard?

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